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Reported Port and Arsenal At Telang, China

This report, along with the enclosed photograph and map, has been designed primarily to aid a ground observer viewing an installation near Canton. Terrain and cultural features which might aid or hinder observation of the facilities and activities within this installation have been considered. All information has been derived from [REDACTED]

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The installation to be observed has been reported as an arsenal. It appears to be a military storage area. The installation occupies an irregular shaped area approximately 1'00' x 700' immediately west of a small tributary of the Chu Chiang River. It is located one-half mile west of the Canton-Hankow Railroad and approximately six miles north of Canton. The installation is served by an all-weather two lane highway which connects with the main Canton-Hankow highway five and one-half miles to the east. Military barracks are found one and one-fourth miles to the northeast and White Cloud Airfield 3.2 miles to the southeast. The town of Telang is one-fourth mile to the northeast and another town is located the same distance to the southwest.

The area labeled "A" on the enclosed map is completely surrounded by a wall (approximately [REDACTED]) except for a 35 foot break at the extreme northern end. This break is adjacent to one of the six guard towers around the wall. A gate or fence probably fills this break in the wall. At the opposite end of the enclosure, entrance is provided by a road leading from the adjoining highway. This entrance is 250 feet west of

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a dual lane highway bridge. Four buildings, 135' x 55', with monitor type roofs, are positioned around a loop in the road. What appear to be concrete ramps, extend for a few feet beyond these buildings. A building, 115' x 45', has been built across the road, 450 feet from the highway entrance. All material entering or leaving the four buildings mentioned above would pass through these eight smaller buildings of various sizes are dispersed throughout the area. No power facilities or electric transmission lines are visible in the area. At "A" there appears to have been a small industrial site at one time. Nothing remains except one tall smokestack and two shorter ones.

The areas labeled "B", "C", "D", and "E" would offer the best vantage points for viewing facilities within the walled area. However, activity, both military and in conjunction with the installation, might make these inaccessible. "B" is a low ridge approximately 1400 ft. long. Abandoned trenches and old weapon emplacements indicates this area has probably been used for military training at one time. "C" is a low hill which would provide an excellent view of all facilities, but an observation post is found at the crest with a faint trail leading to one of the towers at the wall. "D" and "E" are also small hills. A well used trail from one of the guard towers leads to a small structure at "F". A pit of ~~small~~ building foundation is also found here. Another observation post is found at "H".

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Other vantage points may be found at "E", "F", "G", and "J". They are not as favorably situated as those mentioned above but an observer would be less likely to be detected. Hills "E" and "F" would provide a limited view as indicated by the arrows. These should be easily accessible from Islang. "G" and "J" should also provide a limited view at long range. Certain parts of the installation would be visible from the road running between "H" and "D". Arrows indicate the portion visible from one particular point along the road.

The crests of all these high points are probably not more than 20-30 feet above the surrounding terrain. Most of the lower slopes are cultivated and terraced.

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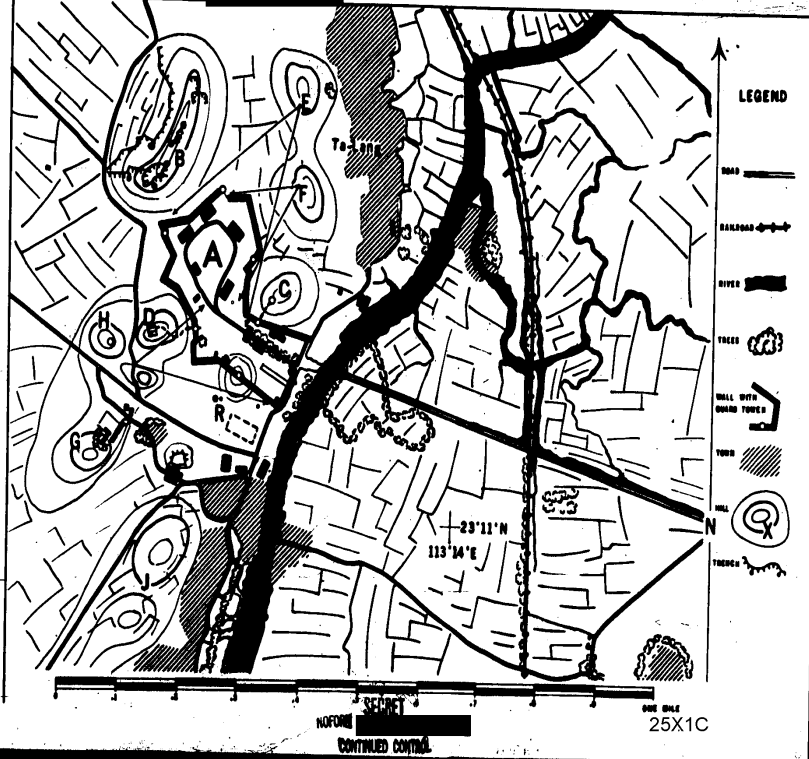
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